

## Dean Bacon Hits "Mark Craze" In His First Meeting with Students

"The main purpose of a college education is forgotten in the mad scramble for grades," stated Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College.

The dean, speaking to the entire student body for the first time in an address given Wednesday, November 17, went on to attack the practice of selecting a course for the grade rather than for its educational benefits. Dr. Bacon also advised students to conduct research rather than study only assigned matter.

Dr. Bacon also spoke of instituting a more rigid and challenging schedule for honor students and stated that "the honors system needs to be strengthened to allow only top students to receive honors."

The dean said that "Yeshiva College is floating along the stream of conformity," but he added that he hopes that we will help turn the tide.

"The dual program should be taken with less self-pity," the dean asserted. "Students of other colleges have the same program and are doing well. I don't see why we can't." Dr. Bacon said in concluding his talk.

### Varsiteers

*So Low, It's Stoop* will be the title of the 1960 Senior-Varsity show, scheduled for April 3, announced Stan Harrison '60, chairman. The show is a musical satire on Washington and Pentagon politics.

Jerrold Neugeboren '60 and Neil Berger '60, collaborators on last year's *Simone L. Guterman Award-winning play, Katz on a Hot Tin Roof*, are writing the show.

## Yeshiva Porgies and Besses Mix At Combined Theatre Parties

by Dave Segal

"A Woman is a Sometime Thing," and that sometime was Saturday evening, November 21, when 65 sophomores and freshmen and their dates viewed *Porgy and Bess*.

Samuel Goldwyn's motion picture presentation of George Gershwin's spectacular musical set the scene for the first combined theater party in Yeshiva College history.

Differences were forgotten. Sophomores and freshmen alike occupied the complete left balcony of the Warner Theater. But have no fear, there was a *mechitzah*. The sophomores sat up front and the freshmen in back.

"Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," and "I Got Plenty of Nothing," were among the many hit tunes that thrilled the

## S.O.Y. Group Asks Unit Examinations

A resolution proposing uniform written examinations in *Gemarah*, *Rashi* and *Tosofot* for the entire Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary was passed 14-13 by the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

The resolution was carried at the second meeting of the academic year by virtue of President Saul Berman's tie-breaking vote.

At present, the student body receives an oral examination administered by Rabbi Mendel Zaks and a written final examination made up and graded by the individual *Roshai Ha-yeshiva*.

S.O.Y. consists of 62 members, approximately half of whom are high school delegates.

## Revised Test Plan Introduced At T. I.

*Bechinot Gomer*, comprehensive examinations previously administered to seniors at the Teacher's Institute, have been rescheduled to take place over a three year period, announced Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, director of T.I.

Beginning next year, the sophomore class will be given an exam in Jewish laws and customs. Tests in Jewish History I, covering the time from Ezra to 1492, and Bible I, composed of Pentateuch—*Megillot*, and Hebrew Literature will be administered to the junior class. The senior class will be examined in Talmud, Bible II, including Prophets and *K'tuvim*, and History II, covering the period from 1492 to the present.

## Students, Faculty Use Fleisher Report As Discussion Base

Student-faculty discussions concerning the purpose and powers of student government began at a meeting which took place Sunday, November 22.

The meeting, which used the revised edition of the "Fleisher Report" as its basis for discussion, was the first in a series which eventually will adopt a report guiding student government.

The student delegation consisted of Benjamin Hirsch '60, Student Council president, Joel Dancer '60, vice president, Joshua Levy '61, secretary-treasurer and Lawrence Halpern '60, editor-in-chief of *THE COMMENTATOR*.

Representing the faculty were Drs. David Fleisher, Irving Linn, Louis Feldman, Henry Lismann, Abraham Tauber and Rabbi David Mirsky and Moses D. Tendler. Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College, chaired the meeting.

"We are all hopeful that if we can arrive at an equitable solution, one wherein a student's rights are approved, this document will produce amicable student-faculty relations," stated Mr. Hirsch.

## S. A. C. Announces 3 New Committees

Committees in charge of arrangements, public relations, and publicity, have recently been formed, announced Joseph Lifschitz '61, chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

Calvin Goldscheider '61 and Jack Cohen '62 have been appointed co-chairmen of the Arrangements Committee which will present at least one speaker or movie each week for the benefit of dormitory residents. It will also serve to eliminate conflicts between various events.

The Public Relations Committee, under the direction of William Kantrowitz '61, is in charge of mimeographing information about various Student Council activities. In addition, the committee will mimeograph stencils prepared by the various classes for newspapers and special events.

Stan Sussman '62 heads the Publicity Committee which is in charge of the bulletin boards located in the dormitory and the main building.

## Reception Planned For Industries' High

The High School of Fashion Industries, located at 225 West 24th St., has been selected as the site of the annual Dean's Reception to be held Sunday, February 21, announced Saul Ganchrow '61, chairman.

For the past three years the affair has been held at the Joan of Arc Junior High School.

## Torah Scholar Advises Against S.Z.O. Chapter

Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik has advised Student Council not to sponsor a Student Zionist Organization chapter at Yeshiva.



VOICE OF EXPERIENCE: Hank Book '60 corners two students at recent Council meeting.

## Nominate 7 Seniors As Wilson Fellows

Seven Yeshiva College seniors have been nominated for the Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Fellowship.

Among the seven are: Lawrence Halpern, editor-in-chief of *THE COMMENTATOR*, Steven Riskin, editor-in-chief of *Masmid*, Abraham Gafni, president of the Debating Society, and Aaron Lebowitz, manager of the Fencing Team. Also nominated were Gerald Blidstein, Michael Frank and Robert Schectman.

### 1000 Chosen

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship, established in 1945, is designed to encourage promising young men and women to consider careers as college instructors. Nomination by a member of the faculty is the first step in a process of selection, which includes a personal interview, in which 1000 fellows are eventually chosen. These fellows are fully supported through their first year of graduate study.

Almost all fellows teach humanities or social sciences. Therefore, Mr. Lebowitz, who is majoring in mathematics, has withdrawn. The remaining six nominees are majoring in humanities courses.

## Council Requested To Schedule Exam

Administering of the freshman orientation exam during club hour was requested of Student Council by Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva College.

Student Council voted that the freshman class be permitted to choose between losing their next class meeting to take the test or having it given on a Sunday afternoon.

The administration, reiterating that the club period is under the sole jurisdiction of Student Council, pointed out that as many freshmen have no Sunday classes, they should not be forced into coming to Yeshiva just to take the test.

## S. Z. O. A Controversy

For the past few years the

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## Plan Chem and Bio Graduate Studies

Graduate studies in chemistry and biology "will probably be offered within a year or two," revealed Dr. Abe Gelbart, dean of the Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences. The prospective schools will be situated at the proposed mid-town campus being constructed under the Title I project.

"This expansion," added Dr. Gelbart, "is in keeping with Yeshiva's policy of fulfilling its obligation as a university to collect, transmit and create knowledge."

In addition to offering individual courses in their respective areas, the schools will be qualified to grant doctor of philosophy degrees.

## Seminar to Begin On Marriage Law

The fourth annual *Hilchos Nidah* Seminar will begin early in December, according to Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, chairman of religious guidance.

This group is limited to seniors and underclassmen engaged to be married. In addition, all participants must receive Rabbi Tendler's approval.

"Seminars in any area of *halacha* will be conducted at the request of ten students," added Rabbi Tendler. These groups would function as an "integral part of the Yeshiva's guidance program" and would not be sponsored by S.O.Y.

The *Hilchos Shabbat* Seminar, also led by Rabbi Tendler, is in its fifth year and is held every *Shabbat* morning at the conclusion of services. Approximately 35 students attend on a voluntary basis.



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## Advice and Consent

Rarely has an issue stirred up as much debate among the students as the recent Student Zionist Organization controversy. Many impassioned speeches were delivered at the last Student Council meeting over this very problem. The trouble with impassioned speeches is that each party ends up farther apart after debate than before. And so it happened. Some felt that the idea of joining a secular Zionist group intruded into the realm of *Halacha*. Others felt that despite its shortcomings, an S.Z.O. chapter on campus would encourage Zionist sentiments at Yeshiva College. This controversy split the students into two camps.

Acting on behalf of Student Council, the Executive Council brought the problem to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, professor of Talmud at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Rabbi Soloveitchik advocated the reestablishment of a religious Zionist organization and advised against an S.Z.O. chapter at Yeshiva.

The issue is now dead. We have heard the advice of a *Gadol Ha'Dor* and we must abide by it.

One excellent result of this controversy has been the reawakening of student interest in Zionist affiliation. Frankly, in recent years this has been a sore spot at Yeshiva. Several attempts have been made at organizing a religious Zionist club. None of them have been very successful.

One cannot say that desire for Zionist affiliation is lacking. Discussions of the past three weeks have shown otherwise.

There is no sense in wasting time with further discussion. Both camps must forget their differences, join hands and form an active three-dimensional Zionist organization—an organization which will unite the entire student body in a common desire to see the land of Israel prosperous and secure under the supreme law of the Torah of Israel.

## Unsung Heroes

We would like to inform all students that within the next two weeks three of Yeshiva's varsities will begin operation.

In the past editorials were not needed to remind students of these activities. Publicity consisting of an athletic rally and posting of circulars concerning the various matches had, until now, always been provided.

We think it rather strange that notices of a reading by a "beat" poet have been within view for the past few weeks, while the opening games of our teams go by unheralded. We urge that this situation be rectified immediately.

Believing that late is better than never, we also wish to recommend the immediate scheduling of an athletic rally. Past rallies have always been among the better-attended assemblies because students are anxious to show their appreciation and support for their representatives in inter-collegiate competition.

Let us hope that never again will it be necessary for us to editorialize on the shortcomings of the athletic publicity program.

## THE LOST DECADE

Nov. 9, 1949

To: Dormitory Administration

From: Dormitory Committee of Intra-University Student Council

In re: General recommendations for improvement of dormitory facilities at Yeshiva.

After careful consideration of the conditions now prevailing in the dormitory at Yeshiva, the Intra-University Student Council, representing Yeshiva, the college and T.I. wishes to submit the following recommendations as being absolutely necessary in order to help bring about a proper standard of living at Yeshiva. These general recommendations are in addition to the specific recommendations described on the appended sheets.

1. In the bathrooms: showers, urinals, toilets, and windows should be repaired. Walls should be repainted or tiled. Paper towels should be provided in the bathrooms.
2. A private, enclosed phone booth must be provided on each floor. The number of students per floor justifies and requires this. Message service for the students from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. should be standardized and centralized.
3. Lighting facilities should and must be improved throughout the dormitory. Fluorescent installations should be completed throughout the dormitory.
4. Window shades should be provided to all rooms lacking them and repaired or replaced where necessary.
5. Door locks and hinges should be properly lubricated so that doors will close easily and silently.

We trust that these recommendations meet with the immediate consideration and implementation by the Administration.

## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I read with pleasure that THE COMMENTATOR was again awarded a first class rating by the ACP. The first two editions of this year show a high caliber of responsible newspaper writing which makes me confident that you and the board will uphold the fine record of THE COMMENTATOR.

Dr. Isaac Bacon  
Acting Dean

To the Editor:

I am especially moved to admiration by the grassroots' movement to eliminate any forms of dishonesty in examinations. It is a problem that I, as a member of the faculty and as a former stu-

dent of Yeshiva, watched over the years with a great deal of anguish. Dishonesty is a violation of religion even as is the violation of certain rituals that receive such emphatic attention in certain quarters at the Yeshiva. Personal integrity should be an asset of every student in a religious institution. Our sages long ago instructed us, "The Commandments were given to improve and to refine human beings." A human being who is refined and is possessed of fine character is the best example of what observance of commandments can do.

Therefore, my congratulations to you on a splendid effort to teach to each other the true objectives of religious observance.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein



## Dusting Off The Old Basketball

## Various Plans Open To Yeshiva Student For Study in Israel

by Mitchell Snyder

Almost every student has some desire to visit or study in Israel. Most students, however, believing that the possibility of accomplishing these desires is practically nil, resign themselves to their fate and remain in *chutz la'aretz*. Unfortunately, they do not know that it is possible for any Yeshiva College student to spend his junior or post-graduate years as a participant in one of many Israel study plans.

At present, the plan with the greatest number of Y.U. students is the one offered by the Teachers Institute and sponsored by the Association of Hebrew Teachers Colleges of America and the Department of Culture and Education in the Diaspora of the Jewish Agency. Each year, approximately 10 boys from Y.U. study at the Chaim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem under these auspices. Requirements for participation in this program are that the student must be entering his junior year in the college, and that he must be entering the 6th or 7th year in the Teachers Institute. His stay in Israel can be for either 5 or 10 months. Choosing the former would mean 5 months at the Institute, for which he may receive 16 college credits, while if he choose the latter, he would study part of the week at the Institute and part of the week at the Hebrew University, for which he would usually receive a full year's credit at Yeshiva College. At the Teachers Institute, he receives full credit for all courses taken at the Chaim Greenberg Institute.

For students of R.I.E.T.S., there is a program sponsored by the Department of Torah Culture and Education in the Diaspora of the Jewish Agency. Though this plan is neither sponsored nor supervised by R.I.E.T.S., in the past many students of the Yeshiva have participated in it. Some have gone immediately after graduation from Y.U.H.S., some during their junior year, and some after graduation from college.

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## Au Revoir

by Jay Kitainik

Au Revoir Cribsheet

Farewell to you O hallowed  
cribsheet

Farewell to you I extend

We are torn asunder by the

Dean—

"Cheating at Yeshiva must end."

Good-bye to you O powerful

glasses,

Good-bye to you I hereby send.

The Dean has come between us—

"Cheating at Yeshiva must end."

So long to you O milk-white

cuffs,

So long to you departed friend.

We have been told, we have been

warned—

"Cheating at Yeshiva must end."

Cry ye seekers of knowledge,

Into heaven your cries ascend.

But to no avail

'Though you'll fail—

For "Cheating at Yeshiva must

end."



## Y.U. Reporter Discusses Recent Mapai Victories

Mapai's victory in the recent Israeli elections is one of those phenomena which, though unexpected is not unexplainable. No more than the usual amount of hindsight is necessary to see the factors which produced the triumph of Israel's socialist-feudalist party.

Israel's political structure resembles that of a feudal suzerainty. In medieval times, the prince gave protection, tools and food, to his serfs, in time of famine, in exchange for their allegiance and support in time of war. In Israel, Mapai, through the *Histadrut*, is the guarantor and dispenser of ordinary positions of employment, benefits and other favors; the patronage privileges of Mapai extend far beyond the stage of "political plums" to the level of mass employment, apartment hunting, etc.

### Election Breakdown

MAPAI	47-48
HERUT	17
MIZRACHI	12
MAPAM	9
ACHDUT AVODA	8
GENERAL ZIONISTS	7
PROGRESSIVES	6-5
COMMUNISTS	3
AGUDA	6
ARABS	3-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>

Mapai is not unique in this respect — the political stratification in Israel gives this power to any ruling party. But Mapai does have this power now, as it has had it for the last twelve years, and it knows how to use it. As did the feudal princes of old, Mapai demands and gets the support of those it protects.

### Responsible And Steady

Other reasons for Ben-Gurion's victory are more legitimate. One is Ben-Gurion himself—not B.G. in a personal sense, for Israeli voters may be getting tired of the "Old Man" despite his attractiveness to foreign correspondents. It is rather that Israelis see in Ben-Gurion and in the men around him a group of responsible steady men. They do not find such a group in any other party.

The introduction of new young faces into the Mapai leadership, in the persons of Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan, and Shimon Peres, proved to the voters that Mapai's vitality was not running dry. These men, aside from pointing out the virtue of their political party, were very attractive candidates in themselves. Eban, the world renowned diplomat, appealed to the sophisticates, while Dayan, a general-turning-demagogue, appealed to the more blunt-spoken citizens.

### Electorate Is Satisfied

All in all, the election results certainly show that the Israeli electorate is satisfied with the progress of the country. They feel that the country will continue to progress only if left in the hands of the Mapai. None of the other parties possess either the experienced leadership, or inspire confidence in the voter to leave his

country's fate in its hands. Herut, the right-wing party which demands incorporation of Transjordan into Israel, gets the vote of political romantics in which category fall many religious voters and adventurers. Its anti-socialist economic policy has never been enunciated in the detail necessary to woo many mature voters.

The religious parties (primarily Mizrahi), have been placed in a very precarious position. Ben-Gurion has often announced his intention of introducing the American system of voting for candidates, rather than for parties, as is now the case. As long as people vote for parties, small parties can collect enough votes to remain in existence; voting for candidates by district would eliminate all minor parties. This might very well add stability to the Israeli political system; in fact, many Israelis may have voted for Ben-Gurion with the hope that a large Mapai representation in the Knesset would further the elimination of minor parties. But the overall merits of the proposed reform are not convincing to a party faced with extinction.

Many argue that the cause of religion in Israel is not aided by the presence of religious political parties which possess all the vices which can be contracted in political life. But the religious parties themselves hardly argue with this view, and see their possible elimination as a blow against religion.

### More Immediate Problem

The second danger facing Mizrahi is of more immediate nature. Though Mizrahi gained a seat, Mapai hardly needs their votes in order to assemble a majority (61 votes) in the Knesset. Those parties which form the majority become members of the coalition government, with all the patronage privileges implied by a minister's portfolio; no party likes to lose these privileges. In addition, Mizrahi feels, and perhaps rightly so, that while Mapai needed the votes of the religious bloc, Ben-Gurion was willing to make concessions about the role of religion in the State. Future concessions are now seen as unlikely, since Mapai can get a majority vote in the Knesset without the votes of the religious bloc.

### A Religious Opposition

The Prime Minister has announced his intention of forming a coalition on as "broad a base as possible," that is, by including as many parties as possible. Even if this occurs and Mizrahi is offered a place in the coalition government, the fact remains that the religious party can exercise no pressure on Mapai in a political sense. Given this situation, suggestions have been heard that Mizrahi remain an opposition party; for, by keeping free of the political bargaining implied by membership in the coalition, Mizrahi may be able to develop the ideological stamina needed to attract those voters who are traditionalist, but who do not vote for the religious party because of its all-too-frequent opportunism.

## Israeli Editor Calls for a Separation Of Religion From Political Elements

The day after the Israeli elections we knew of Mapai's phenomenal and unexpected gains, of the General Zionists' losses, and the Religious Parties' virtually unchanged position. But following the excitement came the period of deeper evaluation and understanding of the situation in Israel, particularly in regard to some of the more perplexing religious problems. Is there a future for religion in Is-

chas Pelli, the editor-in-chief of *Panim El Panim*, one of Israel's most controversial magazines. Although its articles deal primarily with religious subjects, the religious parties accuse it of having sold out to Mapai.

On the other hand, the non-religious elements maintain that *Panim El Panim* is only interested in men with beards, the longer the better. Although aware of all

He further pointed out that religious parties themselves often constitute a barrier to religious development because of their very political nature.

### Ben Gurion's Motives Political

"It would be a mistake", he said, "to consider Ben-Gurion simply as an enemy of religion. His motives are political. When he knows that in those areas where a religious school exists he is going to lose votes to the religious parties, of course he fights religious education."

In answering the next question, concerning the necessity and desirability of the religious parties, Mr. Pelli said that he once felt that they should be dissolved. He now felt, however, that the religious parties do succeed in their defensive struggle: to maintain the rights of the religious people. "Although I believe that generally a mixture of state and religion ought not exist, there should be a controlled contact between the two." He saw this as the duty of the religious parties.

But he maintained that what is most important at the present time is an offensive — a battle to educate the people. This is the responsibility of non-political religious groups, and especially the Chief Rabbinate.

### Chief Rabbinate Inactive

"The difficulty has been, however, that the Chief Rabbinate has been inactive. This is the last chance to raise prestige. If the Rabbinate does not succeed now, it is lost. A person like Rabbi Soloveitchik could do much to (Continued on page 5)

## Math Club Features Executive at Lecture

Dr. Norman Zachary, department head at Sylvania Electronics Corporation, spoke on the "Real World of Mathematics," Wednesday evening, November 11, at Klein Hall.

"Science is big business," commented Dr. Zachary, "and men with administrative responsibilities need technical knowledge in order to make beneficial decisions."

Seven of the 150 mathematicians at the Needham, Mass., plant of Sylvania Electronics are Yeshiva College graduates. This plant is presently undertaking the development of a Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, remarked the speaker.

### Questions On Courses

Questions posed to Dr. Zachary following his talk were concerned mainly with the undergraduate course of study of future mathematicians.

"The methodology, techniques, and reasoning principles one develops in college are more important than any individual mathematics course," answered Dr. Zachary.

Approximately 50 students attended the lecture which was arranged by Dr. Henry Lisman, professor of mathematics. Louis Raymon '60, president of the math club, served as chairman.



Winner in Israeli Election: (l. to r.) Moshe Dayan, Moshe Sharett, President Ben-Tzvi, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.

rael? Should a religious party exist in a democratic state?

To gain some insight into these problems we approached Mr. Pinthese difficulties in the magazine's policy, we nevertheless felt that

## Speaker Describes His South Pole Trip

Dr. Paul Burkholder, eminent micro-biologist and discoverer of chloro-mycetin, was guest speaker at the Biology Club meeting last Thursday.

Speaking on the topic of "antibiotics," Dr. Burkholder provided his large audience with a view of the field, ranging from the collection of soil specimens to the production of their life-saving derivatives.

Citing the adage "a picture is worth a thousand words," the noted biologist proceeded to show slides of his recent expedition into the Antarctica for the purpose of collecting soil specimens.

### Hard Work

"Long and hard work and a great deal of experimentation go into the product of the discoveries, and ample knowledge must be had before we go where angels fear to tread," stated Dr. Burkholder.

Dr. Burkholder went on to predict that "bigger and better things will come from future research." Cures for cancer, arthritis may result from such experimentation.

Dr. Burkholder has taught in Yale University and the University of Georgia, and is presently teaching at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

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## Directory To List All College Students

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of all students in the college will appear in a student directory which will be released in the near future, according to Mordy Paru '63, editor-in-chief.

Dormitory rooms and mail box numbers will also be included.

Freshmen that helped in the compilation of the data were Myron Sokal, Paul Gottfried, Bubba Brown, Label Deutch, Bert Sirote, Steve Goldberg, Sam Pilzer, Joe Zitter and Bob Gill.

"This will be a wonderful innovation," said Mr. Paru, "and we are hoping it will be continued every year."



## Israel Plans Open For Yeshiva Student

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This program offers the student a choice of three excellent Israeli yeshivot: Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav in Jerusalem, Yeshiva HaDarom in Rehovot, or Yeshivat Kerem B'Yatneh.

In addition to learning Talmud in the incomparable Israeli yeshiva atmosphere, the American students are offered such courses as Bible, Jewish history, and Jewish philosophy, taught by experts in their respective fields. The students may also receive college credit for these courses. Further information on this program may be obtained from the Jewish Agency.

A third program is sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. It is open to responsible students or recent graduates of American colleges or universities of recognized standing. Y.U. students may study under this program either in their junior year or as postgraduates. The program provides an *Ulpán* during the summer for students who do not speak Hebrew fluently, and allows the students during the regular academic year to take any courses for which they are qualified. In all 3 plans, the participants are taken on tours throughout Israel, which cover practically the entire country from Metullah to Eilat. The office of the American Student Program Committee for the Hebrew University is located at 11 East 69th St., New York, 21.

### Other Israeli Plans

In addition to these study programs, there are also various plans for work and study offered by various youth movements. Yeshiva University has been well represented at the *Machon Le-Madrishi Chutz La'aretz*, the *Bnei Akiva Hachshara*, and the Work-Study plan of the American Zionist Council.

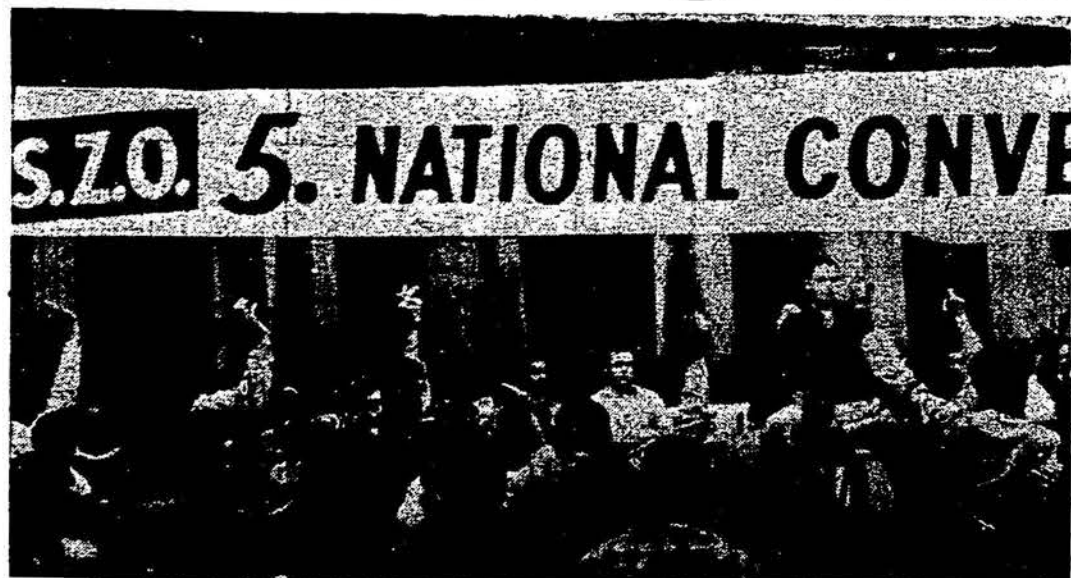
Y.U. students can also go to Israel independently, rather than as members of a group. The better yeshivot in Israel, *Ponovitch*, *Hebron*, and *B'er Yaakov*, to mention a few, offer individual scholarships to American students who wish to concentrate on *talmud* and *midot*. Bar Ilan University also offers scholarships to qualifying American students.

### Cost Considerations

Credits for courses taken in Israel are given at Yeshiva College on the basis of a complete transcript of courses, course descriptions and marks. It is understood that on any program a student can receive college credit only for those courses which have an equivalent at Yeshiva College.

The cost of a year's study in Israel is approximately equal to the cost of a year's study at Y.U. Scholarships for these programs range from full tuition to tuition plus room and board, tours, and tickets to exhibits or shows. It has been estimated by previous participants that the cost for one year (including round trip boat fare, a few weeks in Europe, clothing, gifts, etc.) varies from less than \$1,000 (for those studying in a Yeshiva) to approximately \$2,000 (for those studying at a university).

## S.Z.O. Carries Zionism Onto The College Scene



AYE! Discussion erupts at S.Z.O. National Convention

The Student Zionist Organization, comprised of more than 2000 members, is represented on 72 American and Canadian college campuses.

Its purpose, according to its membership card, is "to interpret to the general community the history, meaning and promise of Zionism and the State of Israel." In addition, S.Z.O. is to "aid students in the study of, and participation in, all aspects of affirmative Jewish living."

In order to accomplish this program, autonomous chapters are set up on various college campuses. The various chapters are then incorporated into five regional sections. The regional organizations are included in the National Executive Council of S.Z.O.

### National Activities

Among the activities sponsored by the national organization are: *ULPAN*, an intensive seven-week summer program, which is college accredited, designed to give a working knowledge of Hebrew and, to a lesser extent, Jewish history and literature; *The Zionist Collegiate*, a bi-monthly journal devoted to news of all S.Z.O. functions and organizations; *The Student Zionist*, a literary magazine devoted to Israel and Zionism, and an extensive campaign to undo Arab propaganda on college campuses.

S.Z.O. also sponsors summer trips to Israel, including seminars and tours, and an American Work Study Program in Israel which allows students to study, work

and tour in Israel for a period of from six months to a year.

In addition to these activities held on a national level, there is a national convention, which this year was devoted to a discussion on "Continuity and Changes in Zionism." Regional seminars on Zionism are held from time to time, and each chapter sponsors its own educational and social activities.

The entire framework of the Student Zionist Organization is under the supervision of the Youth Activities Committee of the American Zionist Council.

Rather than form several small Zionist groups, divided by religious philosophies ranging from Orthodox Zionism to anti-religious Zionism, it was decided by all Zionist organizations that only S.Z.O. could be represented on college campuses.

By agreement of all its constituent movements, all of its functions are to be fully observant of *Shabbat* and *Kashrut*. While individual chapters may sponsor social and Israeli dances, no chapter is required to participate in an activity that is irreconcilable with its religious beliefs.

### Yeshiva Influence

Mr. Ted Comet, director of the American Zionist Council's Youth Department, pointed out that "the Yeshiva Chapter has a perfect right to devote all of its energy to religious problems in Israel."

"Yeshiva, with representation in regional executive councils and election of its delegates to national positions," Mr. Comet stated, "could influence the direction of S.Z.O."

It was also emphasized by Mr. Comet, who graduated Yeshiva College in 1946, that although the entire Zionist movement recognizes the religious heart of Judaism, it provides for an "umbrella organization," thereby gaining the unity of all Jews the world over.

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### The President Speaks

## Our Guide To Action

by Benjamin Hirsch

A successful organization must have a philosophy of purpose. Unfortunately, many organizations flounder about with no set direction, no goal, no purpose and no such philosophy. My aim in Council this year is to establish a sound *raison d'etre*. Our purpose must be to show by virtue of our actions the true meaning of traditional Judaism.

Our University is the citadel of orthodoxy in America. We all believe in the idea—that's why we are here and not at Columbia, Harvard, or Yale. We must show ethically and spiritually the superiority of our mode of life. This is our purpose, our *raison d'etre*. This is not a religious revival, rather it is the reawakening in ourselves of our responsibility to the Jewish Community. This is the reason for Council's stand on the pool hall, cheating and religious responsibility, and this was the reason why a Student Council committee was sent into Rabbi Soloveitchik for his advice on the S.Z.O. controversy.

No longer will S.C. shirk its responsibilities. We can no longer be silent and yet truly represent

you. Our work is too important. The letters, phone calls and congratulations that I have received from various Jewish leaders leave no doubt that this work must be continued. The Orthodox Jewish Community wants us to join them in asserting the superiority of traditional Judaism. This we must do.

### Program of Religious Zionism

It follows that if we accept the above philosophy we must accept Rabbi Soloveitchik's advice. We must bring to Yeshiva College a dynamic, living program of religious Zionism. We must still the cynics' cries of "it can't be done; why waste time?" We must do it with hard work and dedication to our ideals.

Religious Zionism is a single concept, it is the only Zionism. Our claim to Israel stems from the Torah, and if we accept this principle of Torah we must accept all the responsibility that goes with it. No cynic can tell me that Zionism is dead at Yeshiva, here, where three times a day we voice our belief that God shall return us to Zion.

Religious Zionism must become a living Principle that takes hold in our minds and our hearts. We need no social organization, no pompous speaker, no elaborate budget to tell us of *Artzaynu Ha-Kadosha*. All student leaders have pledged to me that they will actively campaign for a Religious Zionist Club and we will, please God, make it a reality.

There has also been much talk of "breaking down the walls of the ghetto—becoming more like the other people." I'm always reminded of the story of four Jewish boys who were walking in the street, and some rowdies yelled "Jew" in a derogatory fashion. One boy said, "They're insulting us," the second said, "Let's fight," the third said, "They want to hit us; let's run," but the fourth said, "No, they're complementing us; they realize we're Jews." This attitude must be ours; we must always be proud of our heritage. Throughout life we must have this dual honor and responsibility.

## Advise Against An S.Z.O. Group Here

(Continued from page 1)

question of affiliation with S.Z.O. has been a great controversy in Student Council. Student Council had, by narrow decisions, maintained that since S.Z.O. is non-religious, its views do not coincide with those of Yeshiva, and, consequently S.Z.O. had been voted down.

Last year a Religious Zionist Club was formed instead of the proposed chapter. Joseph Lifschitz '61, last year's R.Z.C. president, stated that as the club had not been successful in attracting student membership, it would request the formation of an S.Z.O. group.

After deciding that S.C. should not decide on a basic philosophy for affiliation with national Jewish organizations, S.Z.O.'s chapter was approved.

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# Mites Look to Replace Sandy Ader; Coach Calls Squad "Best Moving"

by Danny Frimmer

Rebounding from its first losing season in six years, last season's quintet bounced back into winning form with a 14-4 record. This year prospects again seem bright for another winning season with the loss of only one letterman through graduation. Missing is 6' 4" Sandy Ader, last year's captain, and one of the team's top rebounders.

The chief candidate for Ader's

diverse talents include consistent scoring ability, strong floor play and capable rebounding, rounds out the starting team. Mr. Sarachek feels if these two boys shoot more often, Yeshiva will go far this year.

The outstanding substitutes will be Herb Grossman, Louis Korngold and Sheldon Weider. They will be buttressed by 6' 4" Sam Jacobson '62 and two freshmen:



**FULL STEAM AHEAD!** Front Row (l. to r.): W. Goldstein, Bader, S. Grossman, Badian, H. Grossman; Back Row (l. to r.): Jacobson, Wieder, Baum, Coach Sarachek, M. Goldstein, Korngold, Garmise.

position is 6' 3" Sammy Grossman, sophomore member of Yeshiva University's brother duo. Since Sammy joined the squad last spring, he has come a long way towards fitting into Yeshiva's offense patterns. Consistently showing alert heads-up play, he will probably earn the fifth spot on the team.

Coach Bernard "Red" Sarachek will not be troubled until the spring term when the Mighty Mites will lose Willie Goldstein, the "bread and butter man" of the squad. Willie's slashing drives, set-shooting, alert ballhandling and basketball trickery kept Yeshiva's opponents constantly on guard.

Herb Grossman, possibly Yeshiva's most under-rated ball player, will be Red's logical successor for Goldstein. Although he possesses a fabulous variety of shots, he has never realized his full potential in actual competition. However, two star performances in last year's Hunter and Fairleigh Dickinson games have shown he is of the necessary caliber.

The remainder of the starting five will be filled with last year's returning veterans. They include backcourtman Irv Bader and cornermen Stu Badian and Gary Gaum.

Bader was Yeshiva's most prolific scorer and one of the scoring leaders of the Tri-State league last year. He averaged 20.6 points last season, becoming the fourth player in Yeshiva's history to break 1000 points. He is expected to eclipse Red Blumenreich's scoring record of 1360 points before the season is over. A deft ballhandler with an accurate jump shot, Bader also grabbed his share of rebounds.

Stu Badian, a sturdy 6-2 senior, last year displayed signs of coming into his own as a reliable rebounder, something the Mites sorely needed. Gary Baum, whose

Marvin Goldstein 6' 2" from Snyder H.S. in Jersey City and 6' 6" Mike Garmise from Lincoln. As the season unfolds, Goldstein will be heavily counted on because of his defense ability. Red feels that Marvin and Mike are coming into their own and will improve with time.

## Sophs Down Juniors To Hold First Place

The sophomore intramural team solidified their hold on first place by scoring a 57-47 victory over the juniors. The game, marked by rough play and heavy fouling, showed that the taller sophs were too strong for their opponents.

Ted Brodie and Stu Harris led the victors to a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 28-20 halftime margin. Despite a superlative comeback effort led by Larry Krane, who scored fifteen points in the second half, the juniors never drew closer than seven points. Brodie and Harris led the sophomores with 22 and 18 points, respectively, while Krane was high for the losers with 19.

A week previously, the seniors defeated the freshmen 53-34. Poor shooting and sloppy ball handling plagued both teams at the onset and the halftime score found the frosh trailing 15-12.

After intermission, the seniors began to show signs of life. The upper classmen, sparked by Jerry Malett's scoring and rebounding, proved too experienced for the game freshmen.

Malett led all scoring with 20 points. The losers were paced by Norm Bergman's 11 tallies.

With one-third of the season gone, the sophomores lead the league with a 3-0 record. The seniors (2-1) are second, followed by the juniors (1-2) and freshmen (0-3).

"This year's team is the best moving squad I've ever had," coach Sarachek said. "Our big worry will be duplicating our 50.4% shooting pace of last season and contending with this season's taller teams."

On the whole Yeshiva's 20 game schedule is tougher than last year's. Fairfield, Fairleigh Dickinson and Long Island University, who were victims last season, will be stronger and looking for revenge. Two perennial Pennsylvania powers, Kings and Scranton will be back again. Both teams beat Yeshiva last year. Finally Seton Hall, a dark horse contender for national recognition, and C.C.N.Y. have been added to the schedule.

Red Sarachek's teams in the past have shown excellent teamwork, good offensive ability and a tight defense. This year's team is expected to make a strong bid for the Tri-State title and a winning season.

## Greenblum Named Assistant Coach Of Mighty Mites

Former L.I.U. basketball star Emanuel Greenblum has been appointed assistant coach of Yeshiva's Mighty Mites, announced Athletic Director "Red" Sarachek. Mr. Greenblum replaces recently retired Marv Herschkowitz, who assisted Coach Sarachek for the past four years.

Having served as a scout for

SENIORS			FRESHMEN				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Davis	5	3	13	Auslind	2	0	4
Malett	8	4	20	Bernstein	2	1	5
Kurinsky	5	0	12	Fruchter	4	0	8
N'g'b'n	0	2	2	Bergman	5	1	11
Berger	2	0	4	Berison	2	2	6
Etra	1	0	2				
Total	22	9	53	Total	15	4	34

Yeshiva in the past, Greenblum is not unfamiliar with the team's brand of play. He is satisfied that this year's team moves well and fast. It is Greenblum's job to indoctrinate the rookies of the squad with the Sarachek style.

The new assistant coach be-

JUNIORS			SOPHOMORES				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Kranes	5	9	19	Bokor	4	1	9
Shatzkes	5	2	12	Botnick	1	1	3
B'lim'nd	2	0	4	Harris	6	6	18
Felsen	1	8	10	Brodie	10	2	22
Asch	1	0	2	R'senthal	1	3	5
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Total	14	19	47	Total	22	13	57

lieves in stressing the basic moves and fundamentals in the pre-season drills. His enthusiasm in welding the team already shows in the fine progress of some of the new hoopers. As for the squad's chances, however, Greenblum is more reserved. His only prognostication is that the Mites "will win their share of games."

Greenblum, who hails from Brooklyn, is the father of 2 children. Soft spoken, yet fiery in his work, he is warmly welcomed to the Yeshiva athletic staff.

### On The Sidelines

## What's in a Name?

by Neil Berger



Stop reading! Sit down and repeat after me: "The Yeshiva Prophets. The Yeshiva Maccabees. The Yeshiva Scribes." Imaginative, aren't they? Expressive, too. But they don't fit. They just won't do.

Last month, Yeshiva decided to find a new name for its basketball team. Whether the decision was as a result of or a symptom of Y.U.'s great expansion makes little difference, for the Mites, as it were, seemed to have outlived their usefulness. After all, a mite is something small. Why live in the past?

As late as 1946, the Yeshiva five was called the Quinthooplets. Q-u-i-n-t-h-o-o-p-l-e-t-s. Sometime between then and 1949, the name Mites was adopted. I was told that Yeshiva's court stars were midgits in those days, so Mites must have been appropriate. But after a bit of research, I discovered that the team's chief asset in those dark ages was Artie Stein. Artie Stein, at 6'6", was the tallest starter in Yeshiva history.

Back to November, 1959, when COMMENTATOR sponsored a contest to rename the Mites. Enthusiasm spread through the school—Public Relations, the Athletic Association, and especially Commie itself.

The contest was publicized, and the response, if not overwhelming, was satisfactory. On November 20, the last of the entries were picked up at the Co-op store. A strong tinge of anticipation was felt, for Yeshiva history, in effect, was being made.

As I read through the suggested names, however, there was a great letdown. They were all empty. There were few votes for the Blues, Whites, Blue and Whites, White and Blues, etc. . . . but something told me that they lacked originality. There was a ballot cast for Knickerbockers, but they have their own troubles. Sarachuck-ers. Close your eyes and picture Yeshiva marching on to victory. The crowd is stamping its collective feet rhythmically and chanting: "Sar-a-chuck-ers, Sar-a-chuck-ers, Sar-a-chuck-ers . . ."

Let's be it. Yeshiva basketball and the Mighty Mites are synonymous. It's not going to change this year. That's official. But how about a good name for the chess team? I'll bet you never thought of that. Maybe I'll run a contest . . .

Everyone isn't against us. I've learned, in my old age, that people occasionally listen. A few weeks ago, encouraged by the requests of my fellow students, I paid a little visit to the coordinator of Athletic Activities, Professor Hurwitz. My mission was to find out why the boys couldn't use the gymnasium on Sunday nights. Since there are no phys-ed classes then, and since the students study so hard, and since they get so little time for relaxation—anyway, I was prepared for a brawl.

I didn't even get a disagreement. We can use the gym on Sunday nights from 7 p.m., until midnight. The only provision is that there be a responsible upper classman there to take charge at all times. It doesn't have to be the same student every week. That shouldn't be too hard.

Due to unforeseen difficulties, the date of the Palefski Memorial Game has been changed to January 9, 1960. It will be a Tri-State League contest between Yeshiva and Fairleigh-Dickinson. The Drew game will be held on December 5, 1959, as scheduled, but at Fashion Industries instead of Wingate High School.

Let's get out and give the Mighty Mites some support. This can be a big year.

## Gym Remains Open For Sunday Usage

Professor Abraham Hurwitz, director of athletic activities, has announced a proposed plan to make Yeshiva's gymnasium facilities available to students on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Under this plan a committee of three or four upper classmen would alternate weekly on assuming responsibility for the gym. The plan was formulated in response to numerous requests by students for more time for athletic activities.

All upper classmen who are interested in joining the aforementioned committee may do so by contacting either Matt Shatzkes, athletic manager, or Neil Berger.

### Correction

The Yeshiva-Newark Rutgers wrestling contest originally listed as a "home" match will be held "away" in Newark.

### On Guard!

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
1959		
Dec. 3	St. Peters	Away
Dec. 7	Fairleigh Dickinson	Away
Dec. 9	Fordham	Away
1960		
Jan. 12	Columbia	Away
Feb. 4	Brooklyn	Away
Feb. 14	Pace	Away
Feb. 16	U. of Connecticut	Home
March 2	Drew	Home
March 10	Brooklyn Poly	Away
March 21	Rutgers-Newark	Home
March 27	Cooper Union	Home

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